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Claims 1-6 are pending and under consideration. In the Office Action of July 25, 2006, the Examiner made the following disposition:

- A.) Rejected claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Fukuda, et al.*
- B.) Rejected claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Tyan, et al.*
- C.) Objected to claims 2 and 5.

Applicants address the Examiner's disposition below.

- A.) Rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Fukuda, et al.*:

Claims 1 and 4 have been canceled.

Claims 2 and 5 have been amended to be placed in independent form. Therefore, as noted by the Examiner, claims 2 and 5 are allowable over *Fukuda, et al.*

Claims 3 and 6 have been amended to depend from claims 2 and 5, respectively. Therefore, claims 3 and 6 are allowable for at least the same reasons that claims 2 and 5 are allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

- B.) Rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Tyan, et al.*:

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Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

C.) Objection of claims 2 and 5:

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in claims 2 and 5.

Claims 2 and 5 have been amended to be placed in independent form including the subject matter of their base claims and any intervening claims.

Therefore, claims 2 and 5 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that claims 2, 3, 5, and 6 are patentable and that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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